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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not understand what the hon. Member means by suggesting that I should influence them ; they will be guided by the Government Orders."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" The Government say that communal representation is taken into consideration while making non-gazetted appointments in the Secretariat. How does it happen that in some departments no single Mussalman has been employed hitherto ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I am afraid it is due to the lack of educationally qualified individuals in that community. (Laughter.) "

Provision for tiffin room, latrines, etc., for Secretariat clerks.

*216 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what provision has been made or is going to be made for tiffin room, latrines, and water closets for clerks of the Secretariat ?

A.—In the new extensions to the Secretariat buildings tiffin rooms have been provided for—

Fifty-one Brahman clerks and Superintendents,
Eighty-three non-Brahman clerks and Superintendents,
Twenty-five Christian clerks and Superintendents,
Fifteen Muhammadan clerks and Superintendents,
Ten Depressed classes clerks and Superintendents.

They are now being used.

Water closets and urinals have also been built but they are not yet ready for use as the underground drain has not yet been installed. They will be ready for use early in 1929.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether flushing arrangements will be introduced with regard to the water closets and urinals—a very important matter ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" As far as I can see, the answer on the paper gives information on that important matter. (Laughter.) "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Has the hon. Member seen if the tiffin rooms are used at all ? I went round and saw that they were not being much used."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" If they are not used, it means we were wrong in supposing that they were needed."

Travellers' Bungalows

Provision of more travellers' bungalows in the Presidency.

*217 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for providing more travellers' bungalows in the Presidency ?

A.—There are no proposals under the consideration of the Government.

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Are the Government aware that the present number of travelling bungalows is very inadequate in various parts of the Presidency ? "

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Will the hon. Member take into consideration the desirability of providing more bungalows in the Presidency ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" There appears to be a good deal of difference of opinion in the matter ; if any particular locality is indicated where such a bungalow is wanted, the Government will consider the matter "

Tender for sheepskins and other articles required by the Government Press.

*217-A Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(*a*) to state whether it is a fact that the tender for sheepskins and other articles required by the Government Press is being given to one and the same person ; and

(*b*) to furnish the accepted tender rates for sheepskins of foolscap and royal size and other articles tendered for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 and their respective prices obtaining in the market during these years ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A statement[a] showing the accepted tender rates for the years 1926–27, 1927–28 and 1928–29 is laid on the table. The Government have no information regarding the market rates for these articles.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there were other tenders for sheepskins ? "

The hon. Khan B hadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes, Sir ; oth tenders were received."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" From whom ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I want notice of the question. Tenders were called for by publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the lowest tender was accepted."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know why should it be given to one and the same person ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Because his was the lowest tender."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Were there tenders for all items ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I think so."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May we have facts ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I have given the fact that the lowest tender was accepted."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 414–422 infra.